

KEEPING PACE WITH SPORTING EVENTS

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Baseball War Now Impends

Hickey Opposes New League, While Several A. A. Moguls Favor Merger With International—Project Hangs Fire—Association Adjourns Until Tomorrow.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 13.—Not since the days Ban Johnson brought the American League into existence has baseball faced such a war as is impending here in the land of the famous mint julep.

Four cities in the International League and four cities in the American Association are threatening to quit their organizations and combine as a new major league of lower classification than the American and National circuits.

Baseball men have been led to think that this move was all out and closed. We thought that the four Association and the four International clubs that were to be left out in the cold had agreed to such a move. We thought they were willing to concede this shift because it would save them money.

But it is not to be. The eight clubs that were to be ousted have rebelled. They refuse to quit and insist that they will carry their fight to the highest courts in the land. From such as baseball has never before witnessed is threatening, and before a final settlement is reached the national game is likely to suffer its most severe shock.

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OMAR KHAYYAM BEATEN IN BOWIE BY WESTY HOGAN

Pimlico Race Track, Nov. 13.—Westy Hogan beat his stable mate, Omar Khayyam, in the Bowie Handicap at one mile and a half here yesterday afternoon.

The three-year-old brown son of Dick Fimmel—Carrie Jones, which Wilfred Vlau bought from John O. Whitlow for \$20,000 at Saratoga Springs last August, showed that he was something more than a sprinter, too, for picking up 120 pounds, he broke with the track and led his field by open daylight to the winning post, lowering the track record for the distance 2-1/2 seconds, in doing it. His time was 2:31.4-5.

There were few thrills to the race beyond the dazzling pace set by Westy Hogan and the thrilling rush at the end of Omar Khayyam for A. K. Macomber's good filly Sunbonnet trailed in six lengths behind the Vlau pair, while the other ten starters were strung out along the course like lamp posts on a country road.

The lightly weighted Fairy Wand, which finished second to Omar Khayyam in the Walden, chased Westy Hogan most of the way, with Walnut Hall third and Butwell rating Omar in fourth place.

At the mile and a quarter Walnut Hall dropped out of it, but the Star Shoot filly hung on gamely, turning into the stretch she began to weaken and Suh Bonnet made her bid.

Here Butwell made his move on Omar Khayyam and the good filly Marco responded gamely despite his 130 pound impost. Surging forward he wore his stablemate down, but was beaten a length at the end. There were many in the crowd that thought it a pity that Westy Hogan was not eased up at the end of the race, for such as he has never before witnessed is threatening, and before a final settlement is reached the national game is likely to suffer its most severe shock.

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Ribbons To Play Fast Bronx Five

John Leavy Will Open Professional Basketball Season at Colonial Hall in This City Tonight—Visitors Will Feature Reich, Muller and Leonard.

Mayor Wilson is becoming quite popular these days. In fact, more so every day. "A week ago he was elected to a fourth term. Sunday he was master of ceremonies, so to speak, at the Army-Chain football game at Newfield park. Tonight he will officiate along the professional basketball season at Colonial hall.

The opposing teams will be John Leavy's crack Blue Ribbons quintet and the famous Bronx team of New York. Manager Leavy has become renowned throughout eastern basketball circles during the past five years for the quality of players he has succeeded in gathering together under his standard. Not a season has passed since he started basketball at Colonial hall that the Blue Ribbons haven't been represented by the greatest players in the country, and there are few teams that have taken their measure in a series of games. Defeat for the Ribbons occurs only semi-occasionally.

To open this season Leavy is standing pat on the array of players he finished last season with. Clinton and White will play the two forward positions, Harvey will be a tower of strength at center, and Murray and Swenson will guard the basket. Any team that outplays these five will know it's been in a real battle before the final whistle blows.

Opposed to the above on the Bronx team will be Reich and Muller at forwards, Leonard at center, and Lamb and Berger at guards.

It is seldom that ten as speedy men are gathered on the floor together at one time, and the battle which is sure to take place will be a treat for the fans.

A preliminary game will be played, starting at 7:45 o'clock and the main game will go on at 8:30 o'clock. As in the past there will be dancing at the conclusion of hostilities.

Harry Wallum will referee and Joe Waters will act as scorer and timer.

The Line-up follows:
Blue Ribbons. Bronx. Clinton, rf. Murray, lg. Barger White, lf. Swenson, c. Leonard Harvey, pf. Muller Murray, lg. Reich, rf. Muller Swenson, rf. Reich

NEW YORK CLUBS TO BID FAREWELL NOV. 15 TO FRAWLEY LAW

New York, Nov. 13.—Patrons of the Broadway Sporting club will tonight bid a final farewell to the Frawley law in that club under the more or less beneficial control of the Frawley law. To be sure John Weismann has arranged a card for Saturday night, when patrons will have a chance to witness boxing under the membership plan. However, as there seems to be a general desire to be present at the demise of the Frawley law there will doubtless be a large crowd in attendance tonight when Billy Miske and Jack Dillon crawl through the ropes. Miske already has beaten Dillon at that club.

The Pioneer Sporting club will also stage a "Frawley Law Farewell" tonight. Marty Cross and Walter Laupette will cuff each other in one bout, while Walter Mohr and Paul Doyle will joust in the other.

Michael O'Dowd will be opposed to-morrow night at the Clermont Sporting club by Al McCoy. Patrons of boxing have wished the title on every man who has faced McCoy for several years past, but the smile and the title have always been the Brooklynite's at the close of the combats.

Harry Pollok sends word that Freddie Welsh, who has frequently complained that the beating he received from Benny Leonard was not severe enough, is eager to wager \$5,000 on the outcome of another contest with the champion. If there is any record that Welsh ever wagered so much as an English tuppence on any ring battle in which he engaged the fact has escaped our attention.

Pollok adds that Welsh has been sticking closely to agricultural pursuits in Jersey, and there is ground for the belief that if the Briton will continue tilling the earth and avoid waging fabulous amounts he will not be dragged from obscurity by the patrons of the ring industry.

Today in Pugilistic Annals

1905—Johnny Coulon defeated Danny Goodman in three rounds at Chicago.

1908—Ad Wolgast defeated Bub Robinson in ten rounds at Los Angeles.

1910—Frankie Conley and Abe Attell fought a fifteen-round draw in New Orleans.

1911—Grover Hayes outpointed Frankie Burns in ten rounds at New Orleans.

FRENCH AND DUTCH BULBS JUST ARRIVED JOHN RECK & SON

OVER THE TOP

Colonial hall, the scene of many a historical basketball battle, will again tonight be populated by fervid followers of the great indoor sport. If there is one sport more than another that develops a white-hot fan, it is basketball. If you don't believe it, just drop around to Colonial hall any Tuesday night from now on for the balance of the season, and listen to the noise that emanates from the throats of 1,000 wildly excited f. r. of the game. The line forms to the right; don't crowd.

In view of what happened to the soldier boys Sunday, and the fact that Wilson should send the Chains against the Germans in case of trouble.

We hear unofficially that Tom Thorpe, New York sporting writer and columnist, will be the Chain-Chain-Anner game at Newfield park Sunday. Joe Waters, time honored referee for the Chains, was benched at the insistence of Manager M. F. O'Connor of the New Haven club.

For be it to us to infer that there was any dark intimation against the integrity or ability of the local referee, but the fans are with M. F. O'Connor, nevertheless. Some of them have even gone so far as to suggest that Joe draws down a special envelope. We don't think so, but some of his decisions at various times would lead one to suppose that he allowed his judgment to be warped by his personal feelings. We can't question his ability.

Having nothing better to put in this paragraph, we use it to announce that the Americans defeated McCoy's Battlers last evening. It was the first bowling match of the Erie League, Downman's Yankees play Saul's Bakers tonight in the same league. If there is anything in a name, and precedent is worth considering, the Yankees should not lose.

If we are to believe press reports, the Steam Rollers of Providence, champions of Rhode Island and Connecticut, will shortly invade local territory. We are absolutely unconcerned. In fact, we don't even turn a hair.

Talk Of Sports

Big league players who have contracts for next year may consider the current season a lucky one. The time economy policy is getting to result in a lot of pruning all around.

The hearts of the fans in Syracuse are beating high. There are all sorts of rumors that the club might be represented in the International League next season. This would fulfill an ambition cherished in Syracuse for a long time.

Considerable interest is being taken in the East in the attempt to revive the ancient Scottish game of curling. At a recent meeting in New York the matter was taken up by the International Skating Union with Louis Rubenstein, Acting Mayor of Montreal and president of the St. Andrew Curling club of that city. Negotiations are now under way to stage a series of matches between clubs from these two cities.

Legalized boxing seems doomed in New York, and, naturally, a lot of suggestions are being heard that will enable the fans to get around the law. A number of clubs operating under the club membership plan are thinking of cutting the number of rounds down from ten to six, but this plan is frowned upon by the old timers who consider that the reduction of the present limit will be disastrous to the development of the sport.

Philadelphia, Nov. 13.—The Pennsylvania team came out of the game with Dartmouth in good condition, and while one of the men sustained several bruises and there was the usual number of minor hurts, it did not prevent the regulars from reporting yesterday at the field for practice.

Bob Folwell gave the team a talk yesterday and announced that scrimmages would be held every day. Folwell does not intend to add any new plays to his repertoire for the Michigan game. He will bend all energies to perfecting those that have already been tried out and found effective.

Forward passing and better defense for such plays will take up much of the practice from now until Saturday.

Dr. Wharton will continue his work with the Inmenen, but gave the men a rest yesterday. He was well satisfied with the showing of the inmenen in the Dartmouth game, and says the only thing needed to correct a few faults that were noticeable in the game at Boston.

More attention will be given to getting the men in best possible condition than to football. Folwell knows the Wolverines to be a strong and fast lot, and feels that it is more important to have his men in fine physical condition than it is to drill them long and hard at football.

Herry was yesterday put to work on drop-kicking. His punting has been first class, but he has been rather erratic in kicking goals from the field. He showed up well yesterday with several goals from the 40-yard line.

Owners of Atlantic coast ships conferred with the Shipping Board in Washington in regard to carrying rates.

Rube Oldring, who finished his major league career with the Yankees, says that no money could tempt him now to give up farming and return to baseball. Rube owns a 150-acre farm in New Jersey and thinks he has been trailing along with a loser long enough.

Speaking of obtuseness—never mind who was—Freddie Welsh has made the crack that he will bet \$5,000 on himself if given just one crack at the lightweight title. (Freddie was never known to have bet a penny on any ring battle he ever took part in).

As far as we are concerned we will donate our share of the \$5,000 to keep Freddie out of the roped arena.

Leonard Howison, who is playing a 2,000 point, 18.2 ballline billiard match in New York city with Welker Cochran, is in active competition for the first time in 10 years. He was a decade ago one of the most industrious players in the world, and was competing against the leaders in the line game. He was playing a game with Glauxieux in Paris when a sudden attack of neuritis in his right arm deprived him of the use of that member, and he was compelled to finish the game with his left hand. Two years ago he recovered the use of his arm and now is playing with his customary skill.

Headline of Farmer Sports page yesterday. GLEES DEFEAT ANOTHER ELBEVEN. Until our attention was called to it by "one of the boys" in the composing room after the sheet had gone to press, we weren't aware that the Glees boasted such a powerful combination. It was, however, charitable to the Wincheaters.

Tom Cowler, western heavyweight, and Willie Meehan of California will be featured in a 12-round bout at the Armory A. A. in Boston tonight, substituting for the Levinsky-Brennan bout originally scheduled. An injury to Brennan's hand prevented his appearance. Cowler is managed by Al Lippe, who formerly guarded the affairs of California Willie.

We opine, by the way, that Lippe is a very appropriate name for a fight manager.

BELLE MEAD STUD SOLD AT AUCTION

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 13.—The famous Belle Mead stud of Nashville, Tenn., W. O. Farmer, proprietor, passed out of existence as a thoroughbred breeding plant at a public sale here yesterday afternoon when stallions and brood mares were sold.

The highest price was \$2,125 by W. R. Entill for the chestnut colt by Trap Rock—Bessie, Sweet Story, ch. m. (7), by Hamburg—Salle of Navarre, brought \$1,700. J. C. Carrick paid \$1,000 for Hawkswater, br. m. (11), Same—Imp. Bunera, and Imp. Colonial, a 20-year-old mare by Trenton—Thankful Blossom, was sold to W. B. Miller for \$1,600.

KAUFF IN ACCIDENT

Indianapolis, Nov. 13.—Benny Kauff, the little outfielder of the Giants, narrowly escaped from being injured in an automobile accident here yesterday afternoon. He was in a car with Howdy Wilcox, the noted driver, which ran into an iron railing and was demolished. Neither, however was hurt.

MOHR WHIPS WILLIAMS

New York, Nov. 13.—Walter Mohr continued his winning streak by easily defeating K. O. Lew Williams in ten rounds at the Vanderbilt A. C. last night. Brooklyn's "Blond Tiger" battered his colored rival all over the ring and nearly scored a knockout in the sixth round. The timely intervention of the bell saved Williams.

FOOTBALL INJURY FATAL

Indianapolis, Nov. 13.—As a result of a fractured skull received Sunday in a football game, Harold Holtz, 17, of Indianapolis, died yesterday.

Those wise and far sighted residents of Bridgeport who bought up a lot of two-cent stamps in advance to avoid the new rates, now have the pleasure of licking two stamps instead of one each time.

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COCHRAN LEADS BILLIARD MATCH WITH HOWISON

New York, Nov. 13.—Welker Cochran, the youthful ballline expert from the bounding West, last night won the opening block of his 2,000 points match with Leonard Howison, a veteran player, by the decisive score of 400 to 225 in a rather one-sided contest. The match is at 18.2 ballline.

The youngster rather took the interest out of the night's contest by rolling up a brilliant cluster of 103 buttons in his first inning, and performing with such mastery skill thereafter that he had accumulated 253 points in his first six innings for an average of 42. This high powered travelling by the Westerner left Howison well in the background and out of the running so far as that particular block was concerned.

Yet the large and appreciative crowd that gathered in Howison's rooms to see the match enjoyed by rolling up an artistic viewpoint and also for the courageous effort made by the veteran in the closing innings of play.

A kiss that deprived Howison of the opening shot may have had something to do with his poor start. He won the bank and played perfectly for the ball on the spot. Just as the cue ball bumped the second object ball the red gently caressed the player's ball and the shot was missed. As the balls were left in position for cumulative counting, and as Cochran got the spheroids working in an oily manner and never let up till he had collected 103 buttons, it can readily be understood that it was a disastrous kiss for the veteran.

It may have been the moral effect of the big run, or the rust that resulted from a decade of non-competitive billiards, but whatever the cause Howison was unable to get started. He seemed to be fighting the ivories and in his first eight frames he managed to gather but 90 points, for an average of 11 3-4, as against 73 points for Cochran and an average of over 34.

The balls also broke badly for Howison, and he did not begin to play close billiards till the final seven innings, when he got the ivories rolling well and helped his average materially.

Cochran's game was quite up to his excellent average. He did up to the line nurse, which is his strong point, as well as usual, but his position play was remarkably good and his accuracy of stroke could hardly have been improved on. Some of his called shots when the balls were in a difficult position were loudly applauded.

The performance of the youth strengthened the opinion of the on-lookers that he will eventually be called on to meet Champion Hoppe. At the same time it was predicted that Howison will play much stronger in the remaining games of the match.

The score by innings:
Cochran—103, 14, 29, 21, 15, 72, 14, 12, 7, 33, 0, 7, 21, 48, 7. Total, 400.
Howison—103, 72, 46. Average, 26 10-15.
Howison—0, 20, 0, 17, 6, 42, 0, 5, 22, 8, 4, 48, 7, 12, 33. Total, 225.
High Runs—48, 42, 31. Average, 15.
Referee—Albert G. Catter.

BOXING IN CLUBS WITHIN THE LAW

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 13.—While in Buffalo yesterday, to speak before the American Federation of Labor, Gov. Whitman in a newspaper interview gave his views on the subject of the future of boxing in the State as follows:

"There is no law against boxing in this State.

"There is nothing to prevent boxing bouts either in legitimate clubs or in one's home for that matter.

"Where bouts are conducted in legitimate clubs for members of the organization there can be no objection, provided the contests are held in an orderly manner.

"I see no reason why legitimate clubs should not have boxing."

Boxing Carnival

TO BE GIVEN THURSDAY EVENING Nov. 15th at 8:15 Sharp UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE PARK CITY A. C.

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12 ROUNDS AT 125 LBS., 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Between Two of the Greatest Featherweights in the Country BILLY DE FOE

of St. Paul vs. TOMMY TOUHEY

of Paterson, N. J. SEMI-FINAL BOUT 10 Rounds at 136 1/4 lbs., 3 o'clock p.m. Winner Take All. AL THOMAS

of Bridgeport vs. YOUNG BOGASH

of Bridgeport 6 ROUND BOUT JOHNNIE SHARPE

of Bridgeport vs. AL RICHIE

of Providence Extra 4-Round Bout TICKETS \$1.00 AND \$2.00 (Plus the War Tax) Time Keeper—Al Burdick Announcer—Frank Baidswalte Referee—Terry Lee

It's about time to find out pretty accurately at what time the enemy allens go to be on dark nights.

Reds May Out Pace New York

Matty May Develop Club of Enough Strength to Carry Off National League Pennant Next Year—Needs Second Baseman and Two or Three Good Pitchers.

Of all the clubs in the National League, the Giants can best afford to stand pat on its present make up next season. All the other clubs will have to strengthen to give McGraw's team a battle for the pennant, and, judging from last year's performances on the Tenuer circuit, it is still doubtful if any club will be able to stop the New York club journey to another pennant.

The club which seems to have the best chance will be Christy Mathewson's Cincinnati Reds.

When Miller Huggins, now manager of the Yankees, was in St. Louis, the Cards gave the Reds an unlimited amount of trouble. While there was much joy here in New York over the engagement of Huggins as the Yankee manager, there was even more joy in Cincinnati over his leaving St. Louis. Cincinnati figures that without the foxy and aggressive Huggins the Cardinals will be easy picking for Matty's club next season.

Cincinnati gave the Giants more trouble than any one club in last year's pennant race, and if Matty can strengthen his club in a few spots it is likely to give McGraw even more trouble next year. In the outfield Matty can stand pat, and his infield is all right except at second. He needs a stronger second baseman, and will evidently have one before the season begins.

Mathewson also hopes to strengthen his pitching staff. His right handers delivered the goods satisfactorily, and what the Cincinnati leader is now gunning for is a good left-hander, or he could use a couple of right-handers. With the gap in the infield filled, and with strong left-handers to help out, Mathewson would not be afraid of the Giants or any other club. New York fans are likely to regard next season's race as something of a certainty, but it would be well for them to wait a while and see how Matty begins the season before becoming too confident.

When Cincinnati wound up the baseball season by winning the Ohio series from Cleveland, which at the end of the season was generally regarded as being stronger even than the Chicago White Sox, the hopes of Cincinnati fans soared to great heights over next year's prospects. Cincinnati fans have a bad habit of winning pennants during the winter months, but this year they have more reason to bank their hopes on great accomplishments than ever before.

There has been some talk of trouble between McGraw and Herzog and that the fiery second baseman would make a move next season. Cincinnati would give almost anything to have Herzog back at second base in Redland, but gossip of the McGraw-Herzog feud is not taken seriously here, and as he has a long-term contract with the New York club, it is not likely that McGraw will break up his winning combination.

Mathewson believes that in Bresler he has a left-hander who is going to do something next year. Bresler was at one time with the Athletics, but last season showed great improvement in the Southern Association.

The Phillies do not appear to be strong enough to give the Giants as much opposition as last season. The combination in Philadelphia is growing old and is naturally slowing up. Pat Moran will have to strengthen his club in spots, but it is unlikely that he will be able to improve enough to make much trouble.

Although unsuccessful in the world's series, McGraw still has confidence in his team. Next year he will have Ross Young to strengthen the outfield, and it will be hardy necessary to add a utility player or two to strengthen the secondary defense. McGraw, during the last season, was weak on second-string players and pinch hitters, but he was fortunate in going through the season without serious injuries. His outfield was able to go through the season without a change, which is rather unusual while the injuries to Herzog and Frazar were the only serious setbacks he encountered.

THIRD SULLIVAN-RYAN CONTEST

On Nov. 13, 1886, thirty-one years ago today, John L. Sullivan knocked out Paddy Ryan in the third round at San Francisco. This was the third and last meeting between the two great Irish fighters. Ryan was champion of America when he first met the "Boston Strong Boy" at Mississippi City in 1882. Paddy was knocked out in the ninth round and John L. became the king of American pugilism. Ryan tried to regain his lost laurels at New York in 1885, but the police stopped the bout before it had fairly started. They were then matched by San Francisco club, but poor old Paddy was only a bit for the wary, cautious John L. Ryan fought only one more battle. This was against Joe